

ON OYSTER LEGISLATION

The Minority Report of Hon. S. Wilkins Mathews Presented to the House.

A BIG FIGHT IN PROSPECT

Session of the Legislature Yesterday Devoted Almost Entirely to Routine Matters.

The General Assembly sat for two hours yesterday, but without a quorum of either house. The time was consumed in reading bills embraced in the supplementary report of the Revision Committee for amendment. The Senate read for amendment the bills from 308 to 404, and a number of verbal amendments or consequential changes designed to perfect the bills were offered. It was the dryest, dulllest session yet held. Several bills which had passed both houses and been engrossed were signed by the President of the Senate.

Not a single bill was introduced in the Senate, and in the House only one of general interest, that of Mr. Green, to permit law students under twenty-one years of age to take the examination before the Supreme Court of Appeals for leave to practice law. Several local bills were offered in the House.

Mr. Mathews, of Accomac, offered the minority report of the joint legislative committee on the oyster, and it was ordered printed.

A bill will be prepared and introduced next week carrying into effect the recommendations of the majority of this committee, which, in brief, provides for the breaking of the Baylor survey and the leasing of barren or depleted oyster rock to the highest bidder. This bill will take the usual course, going to the Committee on the Chesapeake and its Tributaries. Whether or not this committee will give hearings to oystermen on the bill to be presented remains to be seen. If the oystermen ask a hearing it is presumed the committee will grant it, but it may limit the time of hearings. A prolonged contest is in prospect over the oyster question. That is assured. The members from the oyster counties have received voluminous petitions praying the General Assembly not to break the survey.

Senate of Virginia.

The Rev. Russell Cecil again offered the opening prayer in the Senate yesterday. There was not a quorum of members present at any time. Among those in their seats were Senators Bruce, of Wise, and Revercomb, of Alleghany.

Three bills, which had been engrossed by the presiding officer, as required by law, now go to the Governor for his signature. They are as follows:

To validate certain records of the County Court of Bedford.
To require clerks of circuits courts of counties or corporations or trustees of cities or towns to send to the Secretary of the Commonwealth certified lists of county, district and city officers, and providing a penalty for failure so to do.
To require commissioners of the revenue to assess all duly registered voters with the State poll tax or capitation tax, and to require the treasurers of counties and cities to receive the State poll or capitation tax of any person who is assessable thereon, although he has not been assessed therewith by the commissioner of revenue.

The Senate then resumed work on the consideration of the volume of Senate bills reported by the Committee on Revision, the bills being read at length for amendment. A number of amendments designed to perfect the language of the bills or those made necessary by other changes in the draft of the bills were offered. This was all that could be done with the small attendance of members. The Senate made considerable progress, concluding the bill No. 404, the last bill considered being that providing for the

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ALEX. FERGUSON, Gillman, Ind.

Mrs. Martha Ferguson, aged 78 years, wife of this old man, says:

"Alexander is certainly an old man, but he seems to be as young as I was fifty years ago and the amount of work he does surprises me. Some years ago he was troubled with not being able to sleep well, and it was then that he began taking Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey. Now he sleeps just like a baby and eats heartily. I always take some of the whiskey in the morning and at night, and it certainly has done me a world of good. I am certain that Alexander would not be in the perfect health he now is if it wasn't for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey."



MRS. FERGUSON, 78 Years Old.

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government and control of the State penitentiary.

It was 1:40 o'clock when the Senate adjourned last Monday.

The House.

The House was called to order at 11 o'clock by Speaker Ryan, and prayer was offered by Rev. William Meade Clarke, of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Lawson offered a bill to remove the political disabilities of George T. Croxton, of Essex, and another was offered by Mr. Green, allowing law students under age to take the examination before the Supreme Court. They were both referred and the House ordered a number of bills on the calendar to their engrossment.

Mr. Mathews presented his minority report from the oyster commission, against breaking the Baylor oyster survey, and it was ordered printed.

Mr. R. S. Blackburn Smith, who was in his seat for the first time during the session, offered two local bills, relating to the borrowing of money and the construction of bridges in Clarke and Warren counties.

The House, at 1 P. M., adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday.

MR. MATHEWS REPORT.

A Strong Paper Against Breaking the Baylor Survey.

The minority report presented in the House yesterday by Hon. S. Wilkins Mathews against breaking the Baylor oyster survey takes issue with the paper of the majority on almost every point. Mr. Mathews admits that there are about 225,000 acres of oyster rock embraced within the Baylor survey, but denies that seventy-five per cent. of this is

barren or depleted. The joint committee, though absent on its inspection trip about seventy-seven days, was engaged actively for only about half that time in examining oyster rock, and in the opinion of Mr. Mathews actually examined only about ten per cent. of the total area. It cannot be presumed that because seventy-five per cent. of the area examined was considered barren, that the same proportion of that not examined is also depleted. On the contrary, it is said by different rocks.

One point which Mr. Mathews most earnestly impresses is that it is upon the natural rock which it is proposed to open to lease that the oystermen derive their supply of seed oysters, and with this leased out to large planters and packers, the small oyster planters and tongs will have nowhere to obtain their seed, and thus almost the entire population, aggregating 50,000 or 60,000, will be thrown out of employment and reduced to hardship and pauperism.

Mr. Mathews denies that the oyster industry is in danger of extermination, and contends that so many oysters have never been taken from the oyster grounds of the State as now. The apparent diminution of the supply of seed oysters, he contends, is due merely to the larger demand for them, owing to the larger number of planters and men engaged in oyster production.

The minority report contends that the planters who wish to break the Baylor survey will not want the really barren rock or bottom embraced in the survey, but the productive rocks, thus cutting off others from a supply of seed oysters. He admits that there is some barren bottom embraced in the survey that ought not to be included therein, but

the area is small, and that it would mean the destruction of the oyster industry to once break the survey under which the industry is now paying to the State a revenue of about \$30,000 annually.

Another point made by the Accomac member is that the lease of the State's oyster rock would put an end to the plugging and erabbling industry, and thus impose a great hardship by destroying an industry from which several thousand derive a livelihood.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Rev. C. C. Cox, who has been attending the Baptist General Association, held in Staunton, will return in time to fill his pulpit to-day.

Mr. Willie Pollard, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Retreat last week, was brought home Friday, and is getting on nicely.

Mr. Willie E. Blinford and bride, who were married Wednesday in Newport News, were the guests Thursday of the former's uncle, Charles Pollard, of No. 105 Twentieth Street.

Rev. J. T. Tucker is in Staunton attending the Baptist General Association.

Mrs. Margaret Cobb, of Caroline county, who was the guest of Mrs. Willie Smith during the week, has returned here.

Miss Ida Beaulieu, of Hanover county, is visiting her brother, Walter Beaulieu, at her home on the avenue.

W. C. Gentry is now located in Fairmount, where he will reside by the T. J. McNeill at 11 A. M. and by Mr. Fizer at 8 P. M.

Mrs. Overby and Mrs. Nat Flanagan visited Mr. Willie Overby during the past week.

Mrs. Trainer, of No. 230 Venable Street, is quite sick.

Master Bernard Clayton, who has been suffering from a severe disease, is better.

Mrs. Mary Luck, of Caroline county, who has been visiting Mrs. Willie Smith for several days, has left for Polo Green to visit her son, Emmett Luck.

Rev. H. J. Goodwin, of King William county, stopped over to visit his father while en route to Staunton to attend the association.

Miss Hortense Watkins is very much indisposed at her home on Twenty-second Street.

The Sir Knights and Lady Maccabees of Fairmount Hivve will have an oyster supper to-morrow night at Curd's Hall.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society at Fairmount Methodist Church will be held to-morrow evening at the usual hour.

Mrs. Bradley Hawks entertained a few friends informally Thursday evening at her home on Twentieth Street, and the party was a very pleasant one.

The guests were invited in the dining-room, where an excellent supper was served. Among those present were: Mrs. Primer, Mrs. Matilda Siller, Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Mrs. Crew West, Mrs. Lona Valentine, Mrs. Mary Brock, Mrs. Adkinson and Mrs. Blumberg.

United States Circuit Court.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals was engaged during all of yesterday's session with hearing arguments in the case of R. W. Brown, plaintiff in error, vs. H. S. Harkins, commissioner of internal revenue, from the District Court at Asheville, N. C. This case involved the payment under protest by the plaintiff in error, of an additional stamp tax on a package of distilled spirits, the collector claiming that the package had been refilled and reshipped. The case was submitted on a brief by the plaintiff in error, and argued orally for the defendant in error by United States Attorney A. E. Holton.

Judge Simonson and Morris and McDowell were sitting yesterday.

On motion of United States District Attorney A. B. Holton, the case of Lawrence Pulliam, plaintiff in error, vs. the United States, defendant in error, from the District Court at Charlotte, was docketed and dismissed.

Change Superintendents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORKTOWN, VA., Nov. 14.—Mr. William T. Vander, late superintendent of the National Cemetery here, has been detached and ordered to Knoxville, Tenn., leaving on yesterday for his new post.

Mr. John C. Hoar is acting superintendent at interim until the department appoints a new man. It is probable that Mr. Thomas Ridge, the present superintendent at Knoxville, may succeed Mr. Vander.

Mrs. Lucy Winne, the aged mother of the late Mr. Robert Winne, and Mr. Robert Winne Jr., a young man of twenty-five, are both dangerously ill at their home in Crab Neck. There is but little hope of their recovery.

FIRE NEAR PETERSBURG

Large Barn on the Farm of Mr. W. E. Gregory, With Two Fine Horses, Destroyed.

PREACHERS TO BE REMOVED

Broad Street, Richmond, Wants Rev. S. C. Hatcher—Afternoon Tea at Country Club.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 14.—Fire last night about midnight destroyed the large barn on the farm of Mr. W. E. Gregory, about two miles from this city, in Prince George county. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. W. E. Gregory, the manager of the farm, used his best efforts, but in vain, to subdue the fire. He succeeded, however, in preventing the destruction of an adjacent barn and other property. Many farming



BEAUTIFUL SPONSOR.
Little Miss Elizabeth Watkins Drewry, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Drewry, who unveiled the tablet to Revolutionary heroes in Old Blandford Church.

implements and a considerable quantity of provender and two fine horses were burned. The loss is about \$2,000, with very little insurance.

Judge Hancock this morning continued the case of Collier against the Virginia Passenger and Power Company until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Judge Hancock is lightly indisposed.

The October term of the Corporation Court adjourned to-day for the term. The November term will begin next Thursday, the 19th.

Rev. Father Sullivan, who conducted the mission in this city several months ago at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, will preach at that church to-morrow morning and evening.

COMING WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. John McS. Buchanan have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Susie Austin Buchanan, to Mr. Edward Gaston Russell, of Washington, D. C. The wedding will take place Wednesday, November 25th, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Tabl Street.

Mr. E. Gill Hinton is quite sick with fever at his home, on Hinton Street, in this city.

Probably Rev. S. C. Hatcher, pastor of Market Street Methodist Church, or Rev. George E. Booker, pastor of High Street Methodist Church, will be removed by the Virginia Conference at its present session and transferred to some other church. It is generally known that Broad Street Church, Richmond, is very anxious to have Mr. Hatcher as pastor. Rev. R. T. Wilson, presiding elder of this district, was waited on by a

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large delegation from Wesley Methodist Church and requested to exert his influence to retain Rev. J. A. Thomas as pastor of this church.

SATURDAY TEA.

The usual Saturday afternoon tea was served at the Country Club this afternoon. Among the young ladies assisting were Misses Joe McIlwaine, Lucy McIlwaine, Lucy Friend, Martha Collier, Annie Gill, Berta Gill, Julia Budd, Josephine Budd, Mary Bensley, Helen Venable, Gerald Fryer, Mary Ellen Whyte, Miss Thompson, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Mary G. Gilliam, Miss Louise Jones, Miss Rosa Lunaford, Miss Virginia McKenney, Miss Mary Petterson.

The case of delinquent land and insolvent capitation and property tax was entered in the clerk's office yesterday and allowed by the court. The delinquent list on property is \$500 in excess of last year's and the capitation tax is much smaller, due perhaps to the removal from the city of a large number of negroes. Quinlan and Wall Minstrels will play

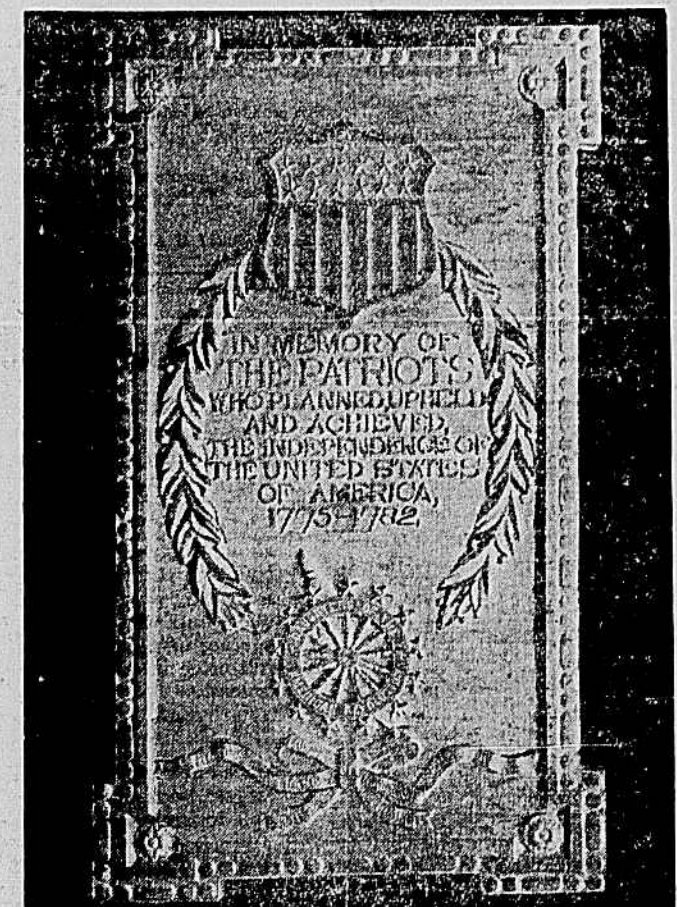
at the Academy of Music in this city November 17th. The remains of Mrs. Martha Morton, widow of the late T. L. Morton, formerly of Petersburg, were brought in this city to-day for interment. Mrs. Morton died at the home of her son, Mr. T. L. Morton, in Savannah, Ga.

Hunting Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WYTHEVILLE, VA., Nov. 14.—James C. Patterson, a young farmer, accidentally shot himself at his home, in Crockett's Cove, Wythe county. While loading his shotgun it fell across the log against which it was standing and was discharged.

The load tore the flesh from across his chest, but penetrated no vital part. News from Ivanhoe to-night is that Bessie Warner, who was burned Monday, is still living. Her death has hourly been expected since the accident.

IN MEMORY OF PATRIOTS.



Picture of the Tablet Unveiled in Old Blandford Church by the Francis Bland Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, last Thursday, in honor of the memory of the heroes of the Revolution.

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